

CURRICULUM COUNCIL

January 20, 2011
Minutes



- ☐ Welcome
- ☐ Continuing Our Focus
 - Continued support of writer's workshop K - 8
 - Continued support of SAS & curriculum development in the Toolbox
 - Integration of literacy strategies across content areas
- ☐ Group discussion of January professional development activities – *Council members divided into mixed groups so that each group contained teachers from elementary, middle, and high school. This was in order to share and discuss experiences from the January 17th professional development workshops. The group then came back together to share thoughts from the group. Some conversations included:*
 - *Positive and purposeful overlap of strategies between what was learned in the January 17th session and what was learned in the Reading Apprenticeship trainings. Hearing the same thing over again reassures us that strategies we are learning about are effective and worth trying in our classes. This also helps to send consistent messages about our priorities.*
 - *Benefit of collaboration between departments during the high school session.*
 - *Lack of concrete examples for math, which struggles to incorporate writing into the classroom.*
 - *Additional feedback is included, which was taken from collected evaluation sheets. (See separate document)*
- ☐ 2010/2011 Professional Development Plans
 - *February 18, 2011*
 - Data Teams
 - Bullying – Discussions led by building principals and guidance staff
 - *April 8, 2011 PM*
 - Reading Apprenticeship Strategies to be shared by Cohort I & II participants – We will plan for grades 6 – 12 departmental time on this day in order for Cohort I & Cohort II teachers to plan to share activities from Reading Apprenticeship training. *Be sure to communicate with your cohort I person to get the conversation started about which strategies you will present.*
 - Instructional Assistants – What would be helpful for them?
- ☐ 2011/2012 Professional Development Plans – *August 4, 2011 (Definite)*
 - Carl Anderson in August 4– Please share this as a potential date with other teachers during your faculty meeting share time, or with an email to your group.
 - *Note: Middle school and high school teachers have their back-to-school professional development day on September 1, 2011.*
 - *The All-Staff back-to-school professional development day will be on August 30, 2011.*
- ☐ Exploration of LFS Toolbox progress –*This is something we did not get to, but that will be considered in the future as a way of continuing our work with curriculum.*
- ☐ How are things going with the wiki? Please remind your groups of January 31st deadline.

- ☐ How are the faculty briefings going? *Please remember to make this happen in order to help communicate our work with all teachers and staff members across the district.*
- ☐ February Meeting – Cancelled
- ☐ Next Meeting: March 24, 2011- The focus 2011/2012 Professional Development Planning – *Be prepared to discuss needs and ideas for continuing our*
- ☐ Time change for 2011/2012 – Meetings held at 4:00 PM

“Conferring is the subject that promises the biggest payoff, for it is the foundation of writing workshop. Once we’ve learned how to confer well, we’ve got the power chip that never quits.”
Lucy Calkins - Foreword from Carl Anderson’s *How’s It Going?* Book